

**In the Claims:**

1. (Withdrawn) A raster image processor comprising:  
a processor to parse a print ready file;  
a rasterizer to translate the parsed print ready file to an intermediate file;  
and  
a compressor to translate the intermediate file to an embedded bit-stream.
2. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the print ready file comprises a print description language file.
3. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the print ready file comprises a display list.
4. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the intermediate file comprises a page strip.
5. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the embedded bit-stream comprises a progressively encoded compressed image.
6. (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the embedded bit-stream comprises an image-chain.

1           7.     (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, further  
2 comprising a decompressor to decompress the embedded bit-stream.

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4           8.     (Withdrawn) The raster image processor of claim 1, wherein the  
5 embedded bit-stream is stored in a recordable medium.

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7           9.     (Withdrawn) A printer device comprising:  
8 a processor to parse a print ready file;  
9 a rasterizer to translate the parsed print ready file to an intermediate file;  
10 a compressor to translate the intermediate image file to an embedded bit-  
11 stream;  
12 a decompressor to decompress the embedded bit-stream; and  
13 a print engine to render an image from the decompressed embedded bit  
14 stream.

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16           10.    (Withdrawn) The printer device of claim 9 further comprising a  
17 memory to store the embedded bit-stream prior to decompression.

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19           11.    (Withdrawn) The printer device of claim 9, wherein the embedded  
20 bit-stream comprises a progressively encoded compressed image.

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22           12.    (Withdrawn) The printer device of claim 9, wherein the embedded  
23 bit-stream comprises an image-chain.  
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1           13. (Withdrawn) A rasterizer comprising:  
2           a processor;  
3           a memory to store a display list file;  
4           a rasterization module to create raster data in the display list file; and  
5           a compressor to compress the raster data into one or more embedded bit  
6 streams.

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8           14. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 13, wherein the compressor is  
9 configured to complete compression into the one or more embedded bit-streams  
10 whenever a predetermined threshold is met.

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12           15. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 13, wherein the compressor is  
13 configured to compress the one or more embedded bit streams to include a set of  
14 quality blocks and a quality block is dropped from each of the one or more  
15 embedded bit-stream when a predetermined threshold is met.

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17           16. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 13, wherein the compressor is  
18 configured to compress the one or more embedded bit streams to include a set of  
19 quality blocks and a quality block is dropped from a longest embedded bit-stream  
20 of the one or more embedded bit-streams when a predetermined threshold is met.

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22           17. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 13, wherein the compressor is  
23 configured to compress the one or more embedded bit stream to include a set of  
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1 quality blocks and a quality block based on a predetermined metric is dropped  
2 from a set of embedded bit-streams when a predetermined threshold is met.

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4 18. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 17, wherein the predetermined  
5 metric is based on a signal to noise ratio.

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7 19. (Withdrawn) The rasterizer of claim 17, wherein the predetermined  
8 metric is based on visual quality.

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10 20. (Original) A method of compressing print data comprising:  
11 determining a threshold of a printing device resource;  
12 receiving an intermediate image file;  
13 translating the intermediate image file to data described by a progressive  
14 encoding technique;  
15 selectively dropping quality information from the data when the threshold  
16 of a printing device resource is met.

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18 21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the data described by a  
19 progressive encoding technique comprises embedded bit-streams.

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21 22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein dropping quality  
22 information is performed by dropping a quality block from each of the embedded  
23 bit-streams when the threshold of the printing device resource is met.  
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1           23. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein dropping quality  
2 information is performed by dropping a quality block from a longest embedded  
3 bit-stream of the embedded bit-streams when the threshold of the printing device  
4 resource is met.

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6           24. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein dropping quality  
7 information is performed by dropping a quality block based on a predetermined  
8 metric from each of the embedded bit-streams when the threshold of the printing  
9 device resource is met.

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11           25. (Original) The method of claim 20, further comprising completing  
12 translating the intermediate file when the threshold of the printing device resource  
13 is met.

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15           26. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the intermediate image  
16 file comprises a page strip.

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18           27. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the embedded bit-  
19 stream comprises an image chain.

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21           28. (Original) An embedded bit-stream compressor comprising:  
22 means for receiving an intermediate image file;  
23 means for translating the intermediate image file to embedded bit-streams;  
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1 means for selectively dropping quality information from the embedded bit-  
2 streams when a predetermined threshold of a printing device resource is met.

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4 29. (Original) The embedded bit-stream compressor of claim 28 wherein  
5 the means for translating the intermediate image file includes a means for  
6 completing translating when the predetermined threshold of the printing device  
7 resource is met.

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9 30. (Original) The embedded bit-stream compressor of claim 28 further  
10 comprising means for storing the embedded bit-streams to a recordable medium.

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12 31. (Original) A computer program product, encoded in computer  
13 readable media, comprising:

14 a first set of instructions, executable on a computer system, configured to  
15 receive an intermediate image file;

16 a second set of instructions, executable on the computer system, configured  
17 to translate the intermediate image file to embedded bit-streams; and

18 a third set of instructions, executable on the computer system, configured to  
19 drop quality information from the embedded bit-streams when a predetermined  
20 threshold of a printing device resource is met.

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22 32. (Original) The computer program product of claim 36 further  
23 comprising:

1 a fourth set of instructions, executable on the computer system, configured  
2 to store the embedded bit-streams on recordable media.

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4 33. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the  
5 second set of instructions translates the intermediate file when the predetermined  
6 threshold of the printing device resource is met.

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8 34. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the  
9 third set of instructions drop quality by dropping a portion of quality information  
10 from each of the embedded bit-streams when the predetermined threshold of the  
11 printing device is met.

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13 35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the  
14 third set of instructions drop quality information by dropping a portion of quality  
15 information from a longest embedded bit-stream of the embedded bit-streams  
16 when the predetermined threshold of the printing device is met.

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18 36. (Original) The computer program product of claim 31, wherein the  
19 third set of instructions drop quality information by dropping a portion of quality  
20 information based on a predetermined metric from each of the embedded bit-  
21 streams when the predetermined threshold of the printing device is met.